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SUBJ: TITO VISIT -- YUGOSLAVS HEADLINE CARTER INTERVIEW

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1. WHITE HOUSE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED BY BELGRADE DAILY BORBA HAVE RECEIVED AN IMPRESSIVE RECEPTION IN FRONT-PAGE MARCH 5 ARTICLE. AS NOTED BY NEWSPAPER IN INTRODUCTION -- AND A FACT NOT LOST ON YUGOSLAV MEDIA AND OPINION-MAKERS -- QUOTE JIMMY CARTER, THIRTY-NINTH U.S. PRESIDENT, IS THE FIRST AMERICAN CHIEF OF STATE SINCE WORLD WAR TWO TO GRANT AN INTERVIEW TO A YUGOSLAV NEWSPAPER UNQUOTE.

2. FULL TEXT OF Q AND A IN REFTEL REPEATED IN REGULAR INTERVIEW FASHION UNDER HEADLINE QUOTE EXCLUSIVE BY U.S. PRESIDENT FOR BORBA -- JIMMY CARTER: I LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TITO UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: BORBA AND UPCOMING NIN ARTICLES WITH Q AND A -- COMBINED WITH MIRKOVIC TV INTERVIEW WITH BRZEZINSKI -- HAVE CREATED EXCITEMENT AND APPROVAL IN A YUGOSLAV MEDIA COMMUNITY PRONE TO CYNICISM CONCERNING U.S. INTEREST IN SMALLER, NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. DECISION TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS PROPITIOUS AND ONE ALREADY GAINING POST AND U.S. MUCH GOOD WILL IN YUGOSLAV  
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